

CLAIMS

1. A point-to-point communications device comprising receiving means
 5 for receiving a message, control means for determining if a received message is
 destined for the communication device and alerting means for producing an
 alerting signal, the alerting signal being determined from the received message.

2. A communications device as claimed in claim 1, characterised in
 10 that the alerting signal is an audible melodic signal.

3. A communications device as claimed in claim 2, characterised in
 that the audible melodic signal is derived from a numeric message received by
 the receiving means.

4. A communications device as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3,
 characterised in that the control means divides the received message into a
 plurality of predesignated fields, one of which fields is used by the control means
 to determine tempo and other of said fields are used by the control means to
 20 determine notes.

5. A communications device as claimed in claim 3, characterised in
 that the control means divides the received message into a plurality of
 predesignated fields, one of which fields is used by the control means to
 25 determine tempo, another of which fields is used by the control means to
 determine the number of plays of the melodic signal and further ones of said
 fields are used by the control means to determine notes.

6. A communications device as claimed in claim 4 or 5, characterised
 in that each note is represented by a double character field and in that the
 control means in response to ascertaining that there is an odd number of
 characters in the message adds a character to a predetermined single character

TDS FOR "47 FEB 2660

SUB
A1

SUB
A2

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to provide a double character field representative of a note.

5 using decoded message data.

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0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

543
123

ADD
B1

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